Washington State University and University of Idaho Women's Leadership Conference

Monday, April 23, 2018

Call for Proposals

Washington State University and the University of Idaho are partnering to hold a collaborative annual Women’s Leadership Conference, building on the popular and successful conference previously held biennially by the UI. The event is sponsored by the Office of the President of WSU and the Office of the President of UI.

The theme for this year's conference is Lifting As We Climb. This theme was inspired by the power of the collective, the strength of the individual, and the transformation that comes when we promote others' successes while we strive toward our own. Women continue to use their collective voice to call for change. Doing so in an effective manner requires a deep commitment to inclusivity. Our theme this year is an invitation and reminder to honor those who have lent us a hand while we extend our own to others. This conference will explore the connections that women make to build stronger and more inclusive communities and networks as well as the pathways that can be used to promote sustaining positive change.

We recognize that Lifting As We Climb necessitates a balance between supporting your community and supporting yourself. With that in mind, we invite proposals for workshops/presentations focused within two subthemes – Building Community and Maintaining Self. We welcome proposals for presentations and/or workshops central to those concepts including topics such as: intersectionality, women's leadership, effective communication strategies, dealing with workplace conflict, imposter syndrome, aiding universal design, navigating social media, self-care, bringing your whole self to the table, and resiliency.

This day-long conference will be held at the Best Western University Inn in Moscow, Idaho and offers all women in higher education - students, staff, faculty, and administrators - an opportunity to celebrate our differences and create an empowered community that is more inclusive and supportive of women, as a
group, irrespective of social identity, status, or institutional role. Conference presentations and workshops will take place on April 23, 2018.

Sessions may blend presentation techniques, perhaps by encouraging networking and providing attendees with opportunities for an interactive experience. Proposals for sessions that showcase solution-driven strategies, best practices, and/or new directions or methods of collaboration are strongly encouraged. If you have a topic you think might not clearly fit the theme, but speaks to the issues at hand, please do submit your proposal, as all submissions will be considered. Please let us know whether your material would work better in a 60- or 90-minute workshop.

Regardless of the presentation format you choose, please submit your proposal by completing this Qualtrics form (https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3JEIA5J5e6NSzHf) and providing a brief abstract/description and other information. Workshops will be scheduled for either 60 minute workshop sessions, or 90 minute intensive workshop sessions. Please submit your completed application by February 23, 2018.

*Attendance is free, but all conference attendees (including presenters) will need to register online for the conference when registration opens March 2018.

For more information please see the conference website: https://women.wsu.edu/programs/womens-leadership-conference/or email wlc@wsu.edu.